

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Vol. 48, No. 50

www.laughlin.af.mil

Dec. 21, 2000

the inside Scoop

CC corner:

Commander of the 47th Medical Group gives advice on using the mission and vision of an organization as key instruments in decision making.

page 2

Fire safety:

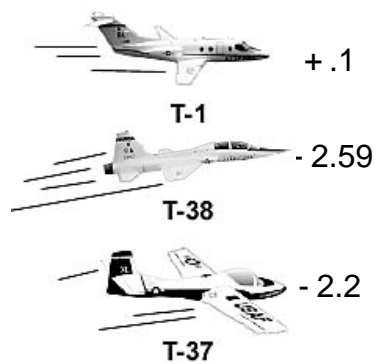
Base fire department offers several holiday fire safety tips.

page 4

Mission status

(As of Dec. 20)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



Fiscal Year 2001 statistics

--Sorties flown: 14,074
--Hours flown: 20,916.3
--Pilot wings earned in FY 01: 72
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,780

Index:

Viewpoint.....page 2
News.....page 3
XLer.....page 9
Sports.....page 11
Classifieds.....page 13
Newsline.....page 16

Laughlin IP receives Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award

By Airman 1st Class

Brad Pettit

Editor

A Laughlin T-1A Jayhawk instructor pilot was awarded the Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award Nov. 4 during an awards ceremony in Anaheim, Calif.

Capt. Scott G. Carroll, 86th Flying Training Squadron, earned the prestigious U.S. military award for his continual dedication and leadership and for displaying performance excellence, outstanding professional skill and job knowledge while at Laughlin.

The captain distinguished himself from other young leaders in the Air Force by managing a 24-week, 104-hour specialized undergraduate training program, while providing in-depth ground and flight instruction to student pilots. He conducted more than 800 mishap-free flight hours with over 150 students on more than 300 sorties.

A total of 12 AF members received A/TA awards at the ceremony hosting



(Courtesy photo)

Maj. Gen. Arthur Lichte, Air Mobility Command, presents Capt. Carroll with a coin for his accomplishments as a young leader.

more than 2,300 spectators and participants. "It was an overwhelming, 're-bluing' experience," said Capt. Carroll. "It was amazing to feel all the energy created by the convention. It

was a very humbling, exciting and rewarding experience."

"Capt. Carroll is a terrific officer,

See 'Carroll,' page 10

BTZ program recognizes two base airmen

An airman from the 47th Operations Support Squadron and an airman from the 47th Security Forces Squadron were recently informed they would be promoted to senior airman ahead of schedule.

Airman 1st Class Garrett Ritter, 47 OSS, and Airman 1st Class Jesus Mejia, Jr., 47 SFS, are the wing's latest senior airman below-the-zone selectees.

Only airmen who have displayed exceptional potential for increased responsibility are considered, and their selec-

tion not only indicates that they are among the best of the best, but in effect, allows them to sew on that new stripe six months early.

"The Below-the-Zone promotion program reaches out and taps those airmen that have shown exceptional performance and potential," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant. "This is a tough competition. Well done to two of Laughlin's finest."

This is the last Border Eagle issue of 2000. The next publication will be Jan. 12.
Please plan submissions accordingly.

Commanders' Corner

An organization's mission, vision are key instruments in decision making

By Col. Kenneth F. DesRosier
47th Medical Group commander

According to the World Health Organization, in 1972 over one million people living in 35 developing countries in Africa and Latin America were blind as a result of infection by a fly-borne parasite.

In Africa, it was a common sight to observe a middle-aged blind person holding one end of a five-foot pole being led about by a child holding the other end. Developing blindness before one had white hair was "normal." An additional 18 million people carried the parasites, which inevitably would lead to their own blindness, and 85 million people were estimated to be at risk. There seemed no end in sight for the suffering of these people, since there was no known cure for this dreaded condition, existing treatments were inef-

fective and there was no financial incentive for drug research.

At that time, in a Merck research laboratory, Dr. William Campbell was developing a drug for the treatment of parasitic worms in livestock. In one of his experiments, a drug they were developing – ivermectin – was extremely effective against a strain of horse worms that were biological cousins to the human parasites that cause river blindness. Merck's director of research at that time was Roy Vagelos. He made a remarkable decision when approached by Dr. Campbell – he approved a multi-million dollar program to develop and test the drug in African villages. He knew he might be committing his company and its shareholders to underwriting a product of no commercial value, since those who needed the drug were among the poorest people on earth.

"We knew it was going to be a borderline economically viable project from the start," Vagelos recalled in an interview years later. Through the 70s and early 80s the drug had been through the research ropes, and had shown amazing successes at low doses and with minimal side effects. Yet, WHO and others remained skeptical when Vagelos, by this time CEO at Merck, applied for commercial production in 1987. Only France approved the application, and subsequently no country was willing to help underwrite the \$20 million annual cost needed to bring this disease under control.

"Sometimes in your life," Vagelos stated, "you've got to take a leadership position and make a decision." In this instance he made a decision that was entirely consistent with the stated vision for his company – "We expect profit, but it must come from work that satisfies customer needs and that benefits humanity." Vagelos announced that his company would produce, manufacture and distribute this drug, free, to all who needed it, forever!

Later one of the African village chiefs whose people were being cured with ivermectin told Dr. Campbell, "This is great! Now go back and find the cause of death."

When I think of this story, it reminds me of the true power a clear mission and vision makes available to leaders in decision making. In this story, a company and its leadership acted in concert with their vision, which regarded all of humanity as a single family. I offer this story for your own reflection. This season is all about giving, and all about family. Enjoy yours, and return safe for the New Year.

19th AF commander congratulates members on service to country

By Maj. Gen. Steven Polk
19th Air Force Commander

As the first year of the new millennium draws to a close and the holiday season renews us with the spirit of peace and joy, I want you – the men and women of the 19th Air Force team – to know how proud I am for all you have done to enable America to enjoy another year of freedom and

peace.

The holiday season is a special time for all active-duty members; civilians; contractors and family members.

Your commitment to the values of "Integrity First," "Service Before Self" and "Excellence in All We Do" enabled 19th Air Force to train more than 13,000 students in over 65 different flight-related programs during

the past fiscal year. An awesome achievement.

As members of 19th Air Force you have shared with others by contributing millions of dollars to causes such as the Combined Federal Campaign, Air Force Assistance Fund, and other local charities. Beyond that, you and your families have given countless hours of volunteer service to many vital community pro-

grams.

As we take time to enjoy the fellowship and spirit of this holiday season, I ask you to remember those who cannot be at home with their loved ones and open your hearts and homes to share these festive occasions.

Henrietta and I wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season and prosperous New Year.

Col. Jack Egginton
Commander
Capt. Angela O'Connell
Public affairs officer
Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit
Editor

The Border Eagle is published every Friday, except the first week in January and the last week in December, by the Del Rio News Herald, a private firm in no way connected with the U. S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.

This civilian enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services.

Contents of the Border Eagle are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of

Defense, the Department of the Air Force or the Del Rio News Herald of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color or, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office of the

47th Flying Training Wing. All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated.

Deadlines, Advertising

News for the Border Eagle should be submitted to the 47th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 338, Laughlin AFB, TX, Ext. 5262. **Copy deadline is close of business each Thursday the week prior to publication.** Advertising should be submitted to the Del Rio News-Herald, 2205 Bedell, Del Rio, TX, 774-4611. Advertising should be submitted by 4 p.m. each Friday.

Submissions can be E-mailed to: bradley.pettit@laughlin.af.mil or reginal.woodruff@laughlin.af.mil

"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47 FTW motto

Recruiter duty lists go to commanders

The listing of individuals initially identified as recruiter eligible was sent to commanders Dec. 5 by the Air Force Personnel Center.

"Our immediate goal is to field 1,650 recruiters as soon as possible," said Col. Dwayne Hafer, chief, Airman Assignments Division. "While we currently need about 400 people out of the approximately 15,000 individuals initially identified, only a fraction of the pool of eligibles, we will continue to use the candidate pool to sustain the recruiter career field."

The initial candidate pool is made up of individuals assigned to normal-manned activities (not joint, NATO, special duty, etc.), both in the continental United States and overseas. These individuals are currently serving in the grade of staff sergeant through master sergeant (and selectees to these grades); have less than 16 years total active federal military service (as of July 2001); no unfavorable information file or other quality force indicators; and the three most recent enlisted performance reports have a promotion recommendation of five.

Those overseas also have a DEROS between October 2001 and October 2002. Now that the lists are out in the field, it's up to the unit commanders to

identify individuals in their organizations who, in the commander's eyes, possess the attributes expected of a recruiter: high morals, solid integrity, a belief in the Air Force, its people, and its mission. Air Force Recruiting Service has provided a decision support tool for commanders to use in making their recommendations.

Screenings are done on two tiers. First, commanders verify that the basic data available in the personnel data system is accurate. They then screen on more subjective factors including past record of disciplinary actions or financial irresponsibility, good speaking voice with an ability to communicate well, integrity and high moral character, ability to make sound decisions, high standards of military appearance and conduct, and no history of sexual harassment. After this screening process, commanders make their recommendation to recommend or

nonrecommend for recruiting duty.

Commanders must return their recommendations to AFPC by Jan. 5.

"Creating the pool via this recommendation/screening process will not equate to an assignment in recruiting for everyone in the pool," Hafer said.

Recruiter jobs should be advertised through a link in the EQUAL-Plus assignment system Jan. 16. Candidates who make it to the final candidate list will have the opportunity to review all available locations through this system. If they so desire, they can volunteer for specific locations and every effort will be made to place the indi-

vidual at one of those locations, according to Hafer.

"However, there are going to be situations where recruiters are placed where the Air Force needs them to go," he stressed. "In those cases where

we do not get a volunteer, we will then use the pool, racked and stacked by grade and time on station, with the highest TOS being most vulnerable, to select from to fill this AF requirement.

"Those initially selected for recruiting duty will be administered an aptitude test and screened for final selection. If selectees pass these steps, they will be scheduled for training and placed on assignment to the designated location."

Assignment matches are expected to be made in March with recruiters reporting to school in May.

"We're very excited to have so many NCOs competing for these recruiting positions," Hafer said. "Since the announcement of the program, we've had a very positive response. In the first two weeks alone, we've received more than 100 phone calls from people wanting to learn more about the program."

Individuals with questions regarding the new recruiter selection process can contact Tech Sgt. Allison Wilson at DSN 665-4464.

More information can also be found on the AFPC home page at www.afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/enlisted.htm.

(Courtesy AFPC)

"Those initially selected for recruiting duty will be administered an aptitude test and screened for final selection. If selectees pass these steps, they will be scheduled for training and placed on assignment to the designated location."

-Col. Dwayne Hafer
Airman Assignments Division

Actionline Call 298-5351

personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels.

By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely



Col. Jack Egginton
47 FTW commander

AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Equal Opportunity	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

Call: I noticed in the paper that throughout the month of November there was going to be some construction on the sidewalks. I was just wondering what happened to that idea.

Response: The sidewalk repair project in military family housing is alive and well. A contract was awarded and a notice to proceed was issued. However, due to other commitments the contractor could not start until Dec. 5.

Work scheduled through December will consist of marking and saw cutting sections of sidewalks to be replaced. Demolition and replacement will commence in early January 2001. Thank you for your interest and inquiry.

Holiday suicide prevention important

By Lt. Col. J. Mark West

AETC Behavioral Health Sciences

As we approach the holiday season, we move into an appropriate time to renew our efforts to help prevent suicides among our families, friends and co-workers.

This year in AETC we have experienced four suicides among our Air Force members compared to three last year.

Suicide is not only a tragic loss of life, but it is disruptive to the surviving members of the military community. Each suicide commonly affects at

least six other people intimately.

While we can often understand and deal with suicides after they occur, we can also likely prevent a substantial number of them.

The holidays are filled with opportunities to reach out to those who show signs of distress. Those signs include increased alcohol use, anger, irritability and withdrawn behavior.

Some common underlying factors in those AETC members who have taken their own lives since 1997 were relationship problems, substance abuse and legal trouble. As a community, we have multiple support structures with a common

goal of early identification and referral of those at risk. The local behavioral health and family advocacy units in your base hospitals and clinics are resources for suicide risk detection and prevention.

I encourage everyone to exercise leadership through increased vigilance and the promotion of a caring, supportive environment for our Air Force family during this holiday season.

Please go the extra mile to foster a sense of belonging and increase opportunities for social contact. We can all do our part to take care of our Air Force families.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

There is a limit to how far base funds can go

By B.J. Eldien

47th Contracting Squadron

Laughlin's annual budget appropriation for fiscal year 2000 was approximately \$160 million in operations and maintenance dollars to support the base mission.

Last fiscal year, Laughlin spent approximately \$36.8 million through supply for equipment and supplies. Units assigned to Laughlin spent an additional \$5.5 million on IMPAC purchases. This is not chump change by any stretch of the imagination!

Misappropriation, allocation or improper utilization or disposition of supplies and equipment reduces our ability to perform our mission.

For every pen, tool or piece of equipment that gets misplaced, lost, stolen or is improperly disposed of, our wing must spend additional dollars in replacement.

These dollars are valuable resources that we can't afford to waste. For items properly disposed of through the Defense Reutilization

and Marketing Office, commonly known as DMRO, we receive compensation.

This compensation allows us better use of an already tight budget – we better accomplish our mission and take better care of our people.

How can you help the wing, as well as the Air Force and Department of Defense, get the most from its tight budget? You know, adhere to and enforce the rules!

To obtain guidance of accountable/nonaccountable supplies and equipment, contact one of the representatives listed below.

Supply Customer Service – Connie White, 5727.

Real Property – Zannetta Williams or Eli Weyer, 5784.

Automated Data Processing Equipment – Frank Valdez, 5040

Remember, we are each stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. We are entrusted with a responsibility to get our mission done within our budget. You are the key to protecting those dollars!



Base fire department offers fire safety tips for holidays

By John Alexander

Base fire department

Christmas season is upon us and many families are bubbling with excitement as they anticipate the Christmas season. To help ensure a merry Christmas and fire safe holiday season for everyone, the base fire department suggests that several basic fire safety guidelines be observed.

Buy a fresh Christmas tree. If the needles are already falling off, the tree is too dry and should not be purchased.

It is a good idea to trim at least a one-inch piece from the bottom of the tree after purchase. This increases the tree's ability to absorb water. During the period of time that your tree is indoors, water it regularly.

Do not position the tree in an area where it will be subjected to intense heat, such as near a heater vent.

Use Christmas lights which utilize lower wattage bulbs or of the "twinkle" type. This type generates less heat under prolonged use. Be certain all light

strings are in good condition and operating properly. Tighten bulbs in sockets to prevent arcing.

Never use candles or any open flame device on Christmas trees.

Don't overload electrical circuits by plugging too many cords into a single outlet. All circuits should be protected

by fuse, appropriately matched to the appliances being utilized. Christmas lights should always be turned off when no one is home or whenever everyone has retired for the evening.

Plug-in electric toys should be labeled by a recognized testing agency. Don't buy highly combustible toys or ones that use flammable liquids.

When you are entertaining guests who smoke, provide ash trays and check for cigarettes in upholstered furniture before going to bed. Cigarette fires are the leading cause of fire fatalities in the home.

Please be careful and observe these simple fire safety rules, and enjoy a happy holiday season.

"When you are entertaining guests who smoke, provide ash trays and check for cigarettes in upholstered furniture before going to bed. Cigarette fires are the leading cause of fire fatalities in the home."



Please recycle this newspaper...



Question of the week

What are your New Year's resolutions?



"I resolve to spend more time reading my Bible."

**Capt.
Fred Cunningham**
47th Operations Support Squadron



"To continue doing my job as well as I'm doing it already."

**Airman
Beverly LeDoux**
47th Mission Support Squadron



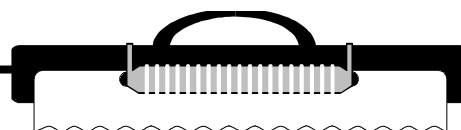
"Eat healthier."

**Airman 1st Class
Celia Herrera**
47th Flying Training Wing



"To get a bigger and better job."

Xavier Ornelas
Outdoor Recreation



From the Blotter (Dec. 10-17)



■ An individual reported someone had dented his Camaro while parked at the officer's dorms. Damage consisted of two dents to the rear of the vehicle.

■ Security forces patrols responded to enlisted housing where a child had lost consciousness after striking his head while playing. The parents transported the child to the clinic to be examined.

■ Security Forces received a call stating an individual had fallen and injured his

knee while playing basketball. Ambulance services responded and transported the individual to the clinic.

Tip of the day: Base hunting areas are active this time of the year. Joggers and bikers must ensure they obey the posted signs and stay away from these areas. Hunters must also stay within the established areas and notify Security Forces before entering the hunting area.

Why I joined the Air Force; why I stayed

Name: Master Sgt. Sandy Harper.

Organization: 47th Mission Support Squadron.

Hometown: Spokane, Wash.

Her story: I decided to make the Air Force a career when I went to my first and second duty assignments. In the beginning, I had the honor of working around the SR-71 in Okinawa, Japan. The professionalism and caliber of people at the detachment were inspiring and motivating in reference to how seriously committed they took their jobs. From there, my husband and I went to a special duty assignment in NATO with the AWACS, in Geilenkirchen, Germany (best kept secret in the



Air Force!). In a multinational environment, you learn a lot about the other cultures and countries. It really confirms in your mind we have the best country and Air Force in the world. Even though our economy is doing well nowadays, the educational benefits, travel and security in the military surpass most companies along with the camaraderie. It wasn't really a big decision for me to join the military because my family has been in all different branches of the Armed Forces. My personal philosophy is you only get one life and perseverance is the key to success at anything you do in life.

Goals: My personal career goals are to obtain

the highest rank I can and be the best at what I do before I leave the military. Also, to pursue a Masters Degree, become a mortician and own my own business.

Advice: My advice to first and second term airmen is hang in there, the military has a lot to offer. The friendships you make are everlasting. Don't judge your military career on a first base assignment. Best advice I can give is to try and make the best out of any place you are stationed. There is always something good in a place if you look for it. Reach out and get involved in the educational opportunities offered as well as community and professional organization activities.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Saturday Vigil Mass
5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30
a.m.

-Confession by ap-
pointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thurs-
days.

-CCD 11 a.m., Religious
Education Building.

-Little Rock Scripture
Study 11 a.m. Sunday in
Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519.

Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call
768-9200.

Protestant

-General worship 11
a.m.

- Women's Bible
Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m.
Wednesday at Chapel.

Student Wives Fellow-
ship 7-9 p.m. Monday;
call 298-7365.

-Sunday school, 9:30
a.m. at the Religious
Education Bldg.

-Choir, 7 p.m. Wednes-
day at Chapel

Chapel Youth Group

-Sunday, 5 p.m. Chapel
Fellowship Hall

Chapel staff

Chaplains

Maj. C. Jeffery Swanson
Maj. Frank Hamilton
Capt. Larry Bailey
Capt. Richard Black

Chaplains' Assistants

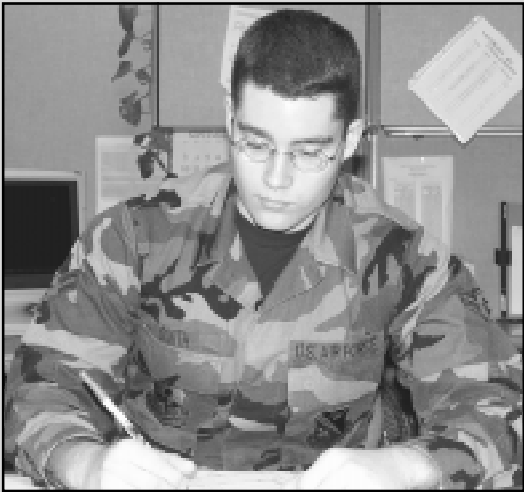
Tech Sgt. Donald Williams
Senior Airman Diana Beauvais
Airman 1st Class Christina
Deutsch

"God loves you and we do too."

*For more information on chapel events and
services, call 5111.*

The XLer

Hometown: Stanton, Mich.
Family: Fiancee, Shellie; Mom, Dad, two brothers, one sister; and my dog Tyson.
Time at Laughlin: 2 years, 1 week.
Time in service: 2.5 years.
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Build a bigger gym – a weight room with more equipment!
Greatest accomplishment: Graduating at the top of my class in high school.
Bad habit: Procrastination.
Motto: Always strive to do your best and never give in.
Favorite beverage: Lemonade and orange juice.
Favorite food: Mom’s spaghetti.
Hobbies: Playing sports.
If you could spend one hour with any

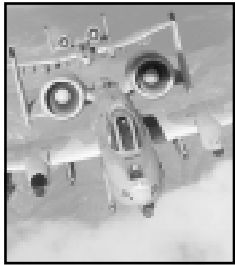


Airman 1st Class Travis Smith
47th Mission Support Squadron
historical figure, who would it be and why? Ben Franklin so I can thank him for discovering electricity.

Where are they now?

Name: Capt. James Howell.
Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 97-04, January 1997.
Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: A-10, Eielson AFB, Ark.
Mission of your aircraft? Close air support, combat search and rescue and forward air control.
What do you like most about your current aircraft? Gunpowder smell in the cockpit after shooting the 30 MM Gatling gun.
What do you dislike most about your current air-

craft? Nothing.
What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Importance of helping your classmates so that everyone leaves with wings.
What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Weekends at the lake, road trips to the Riverwalk and Acuna margaritas.
What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Collaborate and graduate. After that’s done, get out and blow some steam off every weekend.



(Air Force photo of an A-10)

Peters inducted into AF Order of the Sword

Hailed as a strong advocate and leader of the enlisted corps, Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters was formally inducted into the Air Force Order of the Sword in a ceremony Dec. 16 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Peters becomes the seventh recipient of the Air Force Order of the Sword, which is the highest honor and tribute that the enlisted corps can convey to an individual.

"No secretary has been closer to the troops or understood their concerns better, and no secretary has battled more zealously before a sometimes reluctant Congress on behalf of our Air Force," said former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken, speaking before an audience of nearly 1,000 distinguished guests and enlisted members from throughout the Air Force. Current Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch hosted the ceremony.

The secretary was cited for his role in the Air Force's transition to an expeditionary aerospace force, his strong advocacy for increased pay and quality of life initiatives, and for a "proud and enduring identity." As secretary, he is responsible for ensuring the Air Force can meet its current and future missions, and oversees 700,000 men and women of the Air Force's total force and an annual budget of \$71 billion.

The secretary quoted Mark Twain, and said, "If you see a turtle sitting on top of a high fence post, there is one thing you can be sure of, he didn't get there on his own."

"What's true of turtles is equally true of secretaries of the Air Force," he said. "I know I didn't get to the top of this fence post by myself. To everyone with whom I have shared the past three years, let me say I wish I could find an adequate way to ex-

press my admiration and gratitude for what you have done with me and for me.

"Most of all, I am honored to receive this distinction from you, the enlisted men and women of America's Air Force, heroes of the first order, and a group of people you just can't fool," Peters said.

"For 53 years, our enlisted men and women have been building the world's best aerospace force and I truly believe we 'ain't seen nothing yet.' You are truly the envy of the world."

The evening's events included a demonstration by the U.S. Air Force Drill Team, and entertainment by the Air Force's Strolling Strings.

The Order of the Sword is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages — the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders are still in existence today.

'Carroll,' from page 1

an effective role model, a talented instructor and an excellent pilot," said Lt. Col. Gregory S. Wiebe, 86 FTS commander. "The A/TA recognized those qualities with this highly competitive award."

The A/TA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the continuous improvement of the United States' mobility forces. The A/TA stands as a well-organized, professional body of nearly 4,000 members worldwide, and sponsors several awards, scholarships and other recognition programs.

In addition to his expertise as an

instructor pilot, Carroll was also recognized for his leadership abilities. Carroll supported several wing-wide events. As the wing project officer for the 1999 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign, his leadership led to the collection of more than \$19,000 to benefit military families. This surpassed the wing goal by 44 percent. He was also the squadron company grade officer of the quarter twice during 1999 and also the squadron CGO of the year for 1999.

Capt. Carroll has also been very active in his local church unit and is currently serving as the men's group

leader there. He is actively pursuing a master's of Aeronautical Science with the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University outlet here. "This shows that no matter how busy we are with our military duties, time can be found to be a productive member of the community as well," said Lt. Col. Wiebe. "Capt. Carroll is destined for greatness in the Air Force."

"It's an honor," said Capt. Carroll of winning the award. "There are many individuals who worked with me in the organizations and programs that contributed to me getting this award and I would like to thank them for their support."

Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., Air Mobility Command commander, described Capt. Carroll as a tremendous professional and leader who makes superior contributions to the air mobility mission and local community. "From Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin, to his superb accomplishments as an instructor and standardization evaluation member, he has aced the course every step of the way," said the general. "He should be justifiably proud of this distinguished honor. He is among a select cadre of 12 of the nation's best and brightest mobility warriors!"

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Preventing
Fraud, Waste and
Abuse is
everyone's job!

If you know or
suspect FWA,
call the FWA
hotline, 4170 or
call the Inspector
General's office,
5638.

Laughlin's NFL: Gridiron Gurus

Week 17

PLAYERS	Bruce Bond	Diane Bond	Eric Gonzales	Michael Houston	David Isbell	LaValle Jenkins	Eric Linneman	Amanda Stewart	Chad Workman
LAST WEEK SCORE	7	7	8	6	8	8	7	8	7
OVERALL SCORE	116	110	105	109	101	110	116	108	100
JACKSONVILLE@N.Y. GIANTS	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	JAX	NYG	NYG	NYG
SAN FRANCISCO@DENVER	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	S.F.	DEN
BUFFALO@SEATTLE	BUF	BUF	SEA	BUF	SEA	SEA	BUF	SEA	SEA
ARIZONA@WASHINGTON	WAS	WAS	ARI	WAS	ARI	WAS	WAS	WAS	ARI
CHICAGO@DETROIT	DET	DET	CHI	DET	CHI	DET	DET	DET	CHI
TAMPA BAY@GREEN BAY	T.B.	T.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	T.B.	G.B.
ST. LOUIS@NEW ORLEANS	STL	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	STL	N.O.
CINCINNATI@PHILADELPHIA	PHI	PHI	CIN	PHI	CIN	PHI	PHI	PHI	CIN
KANSAS CITY@ATLANTA	K.C.	K.C.	ATL	K.C.	ATL	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	ATL
MIAMI@NEW ENGLAND	MIA	MIA	N.E.	MIA	N.E.	MIA	MIA	N.E.	N.E.
NEW YORK JETS@BALTIMORE	BAL	BAL	NYJ	BAL	NYJ	BAL	BAL	BAL	NYJ
PITTSBURGH@SAN DIEGO	PIT	PIT	S.D.	PIT	S.D.	PIT	PIT	PIT	S.D.
MINNESOTA@INDIANAPOLIS	MIN	MIN	IND	MIN	IND	MIN	MIN	IND	IND
CAROLINA@OAKLAND	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK
DALLAS@TENNESSEE	TEN	TEN	DAL	TEN	DAL	TEN	TEN	TEN	DAL

2000-2001 Flag Football Playoffs

AFC

47 OSS

NFC Champions

EAST INC.

Jan. 8, 2001 @ 8 p.m.

Jan. 9, 2001 @ 8 p.m.

47 MSS

NFC

Jan. 10, 2001 @ 8 p.m.

BASE CHAMPION

LSI JETS

AFC Champions

87 TALONS

Jan. 8, 2001 @ 9 p.m.

Jan. 9, 2001 @ 9 p.m.

47 CES

Laughlin history

Q: On Jan. 28, 1991, the auxiliary field at Spofford opened. Why did Laughlin find it necessary to purchase its own field?

- (a) The lease with Maverick County became too expensive.
- (b) To reduce the birdstrike hazard and eliminate sharing airspace with commercial aircraft.
- (c) The runways at Eagle Pass were severely deteriorated.

The correct answer is ... (b).

A nearby meat packing plant, with its settling ponds and paunch fields (fields where entrails plowed into the ground), attracted vultures. In addition, county officials announced that it planned to allow commercial aircraft to use the field along with Laughlin aircraft.

MLK luncheon

A luncheon honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at Club XL.

The meal will be sub sandwiches with three options of meat – baked ham, roasted turkey and roast beef. Price is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

The guest speaker for the event will be Col. (Ret.) I.V. Tolbert.

For more information, or for tickets, contact Joni Jordan at 5914.

Enlisted promotions

An enlisted promotion ceremony will be held Thursday at Club Amistad.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Sandra Harper at 5667.

Christmas light policy

The base housing office requests that the following precautions be taken to ensure light displays are assembled and taken down safely.

■ All lights and extension cords must be Underwriter's Laboratory approved.

■ Residents cannot penetrate the exterior vinyl siding on the housing units to hang lights or display lights on the roof. Residents can purchase gutter clips to hang lights. Roof top displays are not authorized due to the

obvious potential safety hazard of falling off the roof.

■ Miniature lights are preferred over the larger size lights for energy conservation purposes. Lights may be in operation from dark to 11 p.m. during December up to the first Sunday of the new year. Lights need to be removed by Jan. 15.

For more information, call Al Wehr at 4198 or Denise Pace at 5003.

Commissary hours

The Laughlin commissary will be closed at 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and closed all day Dec. 25 – Dec. 26. The commissary will operate during normal hours Dec. 31. The commissary will also be closed Jan. 1, 2001.

Veteran's benefits

Military members, retirees and their families are invited to learn about veteran's benefits and programs they may qualify for during a special presentation in Del Rio.

Lois Reyes is a trained veteran's affairs service officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. She will present a briefing from 1 – 4 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8552, located at 1307 East 1st St.

VFW Post 8552, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 and the Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post 298 sponsor this program. It explains the many programs and benefits available for veterans and how to apply for them.

No reservations are necessary to attend this function. All current military members are invited to attend and learn about benefits they may qualify for as a result their military service.

College registrations

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is hosting registration for its spring term from Jan. 9-12.

For more information, call 5285.

The Laughlin Education Office will host the Sul Ross State University registration for the spring semester from 11 a.m. to noon. Jan. 17.

For more information, call 5529.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Man at work

Gregorio Vallejo Loyola, Fiesta Construction, lays brick to build a new privacy fence that will surround the Leaning Pine Golf Course. The fence is being constructed along Vandenberg Drive.

Park University will host its registration for the spring semester from now until Jan. 5, 2001. For more information, call 5545.

HCAC meeting

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 5 in the wing conference room at Laughlin.

For more information, call Mina Stover at 6311 for additional information or to indicate attendance.

New Year's Eve Party

Club XL will host a New Year's Eve party for enlisted members and civilian equivalents Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Food will be served until Midnight. Breakfast will be served at 12:30 a.m. Tickets are

available at Club XL and Club Amistad. Cost is \$12.50 per person. However, the price per ticket is only \$11 if purchased before Saturday.

Light contest winners

A panel of three judges recently selected three winners for Laughlin's Christmas lights contest. The following individuals and their families are winners in the annual lighting contest:

Trailer Park

Joseph Wertz

Enlisted housing

Tech Sgt. Raymond Fernandez

Officer housing

Lt. Col. Allen Poerner

Lt. Col. Allen Poerner was the overall winner.

Editor's note: The Border Eagle has reduced page size to decrease print costs.